



# DRAFT MINUTES

## NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Joel Ferry  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes

Rep. Phil Lyman  
Rep. Michael K. McKell  
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Mike Schultz

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Alan Houston, Associate General Counsel  
Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel  
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

### 1 . Industrial Hemp Program

Cody James gave an overview of the industrial hemp program and responded to questions from the committee.

#### [2-Industrial Hemp Program Overview](#)

### 2 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020, interim meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-17

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. S. Chew  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. M. Schultz

### 3 . Agricultural Nuisance Act

Sen. Sandall discussed issues relating to the Agricultural Operations Nuisance Act.

[3- SB0106.pdf \(Sen. Scott Sandall\)](#)

Lincoln Schurtz, Utah Association of Counties, spoke about the issues regarding agricultural operations and their impacts.

Ron Gibson, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke about this issue.

Committee members discussed agricultural operations and their impacts.

**MOTION:** Chair Okerlund moved to allow the chairs to open a bill file regarding the Agricultural Operations Nuisance Act. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-17

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. S. Chew  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. M. Schultz

#### **4 . Wildfire Management**

Brian Cottam, Utah State Forester and Director of the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands discussed wildfire management and the shared stewardship agreement with the federal government.

Sen. Sandall assumed the chair.

[4-NRAE Interim\\_wildfire mitigation\\_Sep 2020](#)

[4-Utah Shared Stewardship Action Plan](#)

[4-Wildfire Management Cooperative](#)

Chair Stratton resumed the chair.

Committee members discussed this issue.

#### **5 . Sensitive Species List**

Michael Fowlks, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), introduced the Sensitive Species List.

Rory Reynolds, Deputy Director, DNR, discussed the sensitive species list.

The presenters responded to questions from the committee.

Brian Steed, Executive Director, DNR, responded to questions from the committee.

Jeff Hartley, Sage Government Solutions, addressed this issue.

Committee members asked questions and commented about this issue.

Chair Stratton indicated that Item #6, Algal Blooms in Utah Lakes, and Item #7, State Monuments and Parks, will be discussed in the October Interim meeting.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-16

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Duckworth  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. P. Lyman  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.